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EXAMINER

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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/699,021

**Applicant(s)**

BOBBITT ET AL.

**Examiner**

Thomas A Beach

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed 11/16/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,10,14-16,18,23,27-29,31,36 and 40-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,10,14-16,18,23,27-29,31,36 and 40-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04/04/05, 03/04/05, 11/01/04, 12/20/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1-3, 5, 10, 14-16, 18, 23, 27-29, 31, 36, and 40-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Musmanno et al 5,940,809. A method of configuring a dynamic database packageset switching program to obtain a database having processing parameter values used in processing financial transactions, wherein each processing parameter is associated with a predetermined financial transaction; entering a key value (334) in a first field of a template (300) displayed on a display screen of a monitor coupled to an FSO computer system, wherein the key value identifies information needed to process a financial transaction; entering a database identifier (UID) in a second field of the template displayed on the display screen, wherein the database identifier entered in the second field of the template comprises a database location of processing parameters (324) used to process the financial transaction identified by the key value entered in the first field; and storing the entered key value and the database identifier in a first memory coupled to the FSO computer system.

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Musmanno shows the first field of the template corresponds to a key definition (334) where the first field comprises one or more key and the entered key value comprises entering key values in one or more key fields and displaying data elements, selecting one or more data elements (claims 2, 16, and 27-28) and creating and storing the key definition in a second memory (522/524; claims 3, 15, 29). Musmanno shows storing information that defines a relationship between first database 522 and first database identifier (UID) and the first database is a relational database (with 524 and col. 8, lines 26-49; claims 5 and 18). Musmanno shows a second database 524 including the first memory (claim 31) and a portion of one or more data elements comprise monitoring parameters (claims 10 and 36). As concerns claims 40-48, Musmanno shows the key value comprises two or more key elements and wherein the method further comprises specifying a sequence in which the key elements appear in the key value (abstract; claims 40, 43 and 46).

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A Beach whose telephone number is 571-272-6988. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Will can be reached at 571-272-6998. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703.872.9306 for regular communications and 703.872.9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703.306.4198.

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